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Dear ZF Customer,

ZF Linux Devices is pleased to announce the general availability of the MachZ BIOS. The MachZ BIOS is the Phoenix 4.0 revision 6 BIOS customized for the MachZ licensed for use with the ZF Linux Devices Inc, MachZ system on a chip. This is the first production release of a BIOS that has been under alpha and beta test for many months to ensure you received a fully functional, tested BIOS. We thank those customers that have helped us test and fine-tune this complex component of our product. We feel this is a major milestone and a tremendous asset to designers using the MachZ chip.

This code is available immediately from our web site at: [http://www.zflinux.com/bios\\_release.html](http://www.zflinux.com/bios_release.html)

The release of this BIOS also means that the General Software BIOS that has until this release been shipped in the MachZ Integrated Development Systems (IDS) will no longer be distributed or supported. All designers are encouraged to start using the Phoenix BIOS immediately as all future product changes and enhancements will be made to this BIOS.

Please note that our MachZ chip includes all the licensing requirements to allow you to ship your end product with a Phoenix based BIOS. This is not true of the General Software BIOS that was shipped as an interim solution only. Should you wish to use the General Software BIOS in your project you must negotiate a royalty and license directly with General Software Inc, 11000 NE 33rd Place, Suite 102, Bellevue, WA 98004 (Tel. 425-576-8300, Fax 425-576-8334).

Thank you for your continued support.

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